

REMARKS

In this paper the Applicant's respond to the Office Action of May 18, 2006 and withdraw their appeal. The Examiner stated in that Office Action that claims 41-44 would be allowable were the Applicants to rewrite those claims in independent form. The Applicants have done so, incorporating in claim 41 the limitations of former independent claim 38 (now canceled). The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly from amended claim 41.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

The undersigned authorizes the Director to charge any fees required or necessary for the filing, processing or entering of this paper or any of the papers transmitted with it, and to refund any overpayment, to deposit account 01-0885.

Respectfully submitted,

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